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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1984				REVISED MAY 1984				REVISED JUNE 1983			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,958.5	1,775.3	183.2	9.4	1,930.1	1,757.5	172.6	8.9	1,944.5	1,701.5	243.0	12.5
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	78.6	71.3	7.3	9.3	77.4	70.4	7.0	9.1	78.4	68.8	9.6	12.2
Baton Rouge 2/	248.3	228.0	20.3	8.2	244.3	226.4	17.9	7.3	243.1	216.8	26.3	10.8
Lafayette 3/	98.0	92.1	5.9	6.0	96.5	90.8	5.7	5.9	98.6	89.8	8.8	8.9
Lake Charles 4/	76.6	66.2	10.4	13.6	75.4	65.3	10.1	13.4	79.7	68.2	11.5	14.5
Monroe 5/	60.9	55.2	5.7	9.3	58.6	53.3	5.3	9.1	60.9	54.0	6.9	11.3
New Orleans 6/	545.1	498.7	46.4	8.5	537.0	493.6	43.4	8.1	538.9	480.3	58.6	10.9
Shreveport 7/	175.3	162.0	13.3	7.6	172.2	159.9	12.3	7.1	174.7	154.1	20.6	11.8

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during June amounted to 1,575,600 an increase of 1,200 above the previous month and 7,900 over the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's manufacturing payrolls were up as a result of increases in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. The state's nonmanufacturing employment decrease was centered in construction, services and government.

1/ Includes Avoyelles, Grant, & Rapides parishes. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Lafayette Parish only. 4/ Calcasieu Parish only. 5/ Ouachita Parish only. 6/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, and St. Tammany parishes. 7/ Includes Bossier, Caddo, and Webster parishes.

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Employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, estimated at 83,200 for June, was 1,500 higher than the May level of 81,700 and 4,800 above the year ago figure. Increased activity at sawmills and planing mills resulted in an employment increase for the lumber and wood products industry. Stone, clay and glass products were higher this month largely due to increased production of glass and glassware and of pottery and related products. An upturn in the manufacturing of fabricated structural metal products was responsible for the increase in fabricated metal products employment. Increased need for farm and garden machinery contributed to the higher payroll level for the machinery, except electrical, industry. More employees engaged in manufacturing communication equipment accounted for the higher level of electric and electronic equipment employment. Transportation equipment payrolls were up due mostly to more business for the state's shipyards. Employee additions in certain miscellaneous manufacturing industries accounted for the increase in other durable goods.

Nondurable goods employment, at 98,700, was 700 more than last month, but it was 2,000 below the June a year ago figure. A seasonal increase in the canning and packaging of seafood contributed to the increase in food and kindred products employment. Increased output of men's and boy's furnishings helped employment in the apparel and other textile products industry edge upward. Less activity at paper mills was instrumental in the drop of paper and allied products employment. Petroleum and coal products payrolls were down from last month due to a decrease in petroleum refining. An increase occurred in other nondurable goods employment due largely to an upturn in the rubber and miscellaneous plastics products industry.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing industries, at 1,393,700 for the current month, was 1,000 below last month's level, but 5,100 higher than June a year ago. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. A lessening of activity in the general building segment largely accounted for the decline in construction payrolls. Larger communications and public utilities payrolls were responsible for the higher transportation and public utilities employment for the current month. Trade employment moved up due mostly to more business throughout much of the retail segment. Banking was instrumental in the increase of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal losses in educational services employment were primary in the lower payrolls for services this month. Government employment for June was lower than last month as a result of a seasonal decrease in state education for the summer months.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 125,800 production workers in manufacturing decreased from \$422.35 in May to \$418.84 in June, a decrease of \$3.51, but an increase of \$25.34 above June of last year. Average hourly earnings were six cents lower in June than last month and \$0.28 more than June of last year. Weekly hours averaged 41.8 for the current month, a decrease of 0.1 hours from last month's average of 41.9 hours.

Estimated total unemployment during June amounted to 183,200, an increase of 10,600 above the May level of 172,600 and 59,800 lower than June of last year. The unemployment rate for June was 9.4 percent, an increase of 0.5 percentage points above last month's rate and 3.1 percentage points lower than June of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 7.4 percent compared to 7.2 percent in May and 10.2 percent in June a year ago. The state's civilian labor force increased from 1,930,100 in May to 1,958,500 in June, an increase of 28,400. Total employment, at 1,775,300, was up by 17,800 from last month and 73,800 higher than June a year ago.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should experience a decline during the next two or three months. The state's manufacturing employment may fall next month. Government employment is expected to fall in July. Construction employment may edge upward in July.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change from	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	1,575.6	1,574.4	1,667.7	+ 1.2	+ 7.9
MINING AND QUARRYING	77.5	76.6	79.7	+ 0.9	- 2.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	74.4	73.5	76.5	+ 0.9	- 2.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	113.4	114.4	115.7	- 1.0	- 2.3
MANUFACTURING	181.9	179.7	179.1	+ 2.2	+ 2.8
Durable Goods	83.2	81.7	78.4	+ 1.5	+ 4.8
Lumber and Wood Products	13.6	13.4	13.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.3	13.2	13.3	+ 0.1	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.9	9.8	9.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Electric & Electronic Equipment	10.6	10.1	8.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Transportation Equipment	21.3	20.9	20.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.4	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	98.7	98.0	100.7	+ 0.7	- 2.0
Food & Kindred Products	22.5	21.9	23.9	+ 0.6	- 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.4	9.3	8.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	11.6	11.7	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.8	9.7	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.1	29.1	30.3	0	- 1.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.4	12.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
Petroleum Refining	11.7	11.7	12.3	0	- 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.0	3.8	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.4	114.7	118.3	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Railroad Transportation	7.5	7.5	7.0	0	+ 0.5
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.2	67.2	68.5	0	- 1.3
Communications & Public Utilities	40.7	40.0	42.8	+ 0.7	- 2.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.5	374.4	370.7	+ 2.1	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade	95.4	95.2	94.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	281.1	279.2	275.8	+ 1.9	+ 5.3
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.4	57.4	57.9	0	- 0.5
Food Stores	51.6	51.1	51.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.9	30.6	30.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	88.7	88.0	83.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.9
Other Retail Trade	52.5	52.1	52.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	83.8	83.5	83.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Banking	28.1	27.8	28.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
SERVICES	311.2	312.9	304.9	- 1.7	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.1	22.7	21.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Other Services	288.1	290.2	283.5	- 2.1	+ 4.6
GOVERNMENT	315.9	318.2	315.9	- 2.3	0
Federal	34.5	34.2	34.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
State and Local	281.4	284.0	281.8	- 2.6	- 0.4
State	95.6	100.7	95.8	- 5.1	- 0.2
Local	185.8	183.3	186.0	+ 2.5	- 0.2

* Preliminary

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- (1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)									
Durable Goods	\$418.84	\$422.35	\$393.50	41.8	41.9	40.4	\$10.02	\$10.08	\$9.74
Lumber & Wood Products	392.70	396.44	365.42	42.0	42.4	40.2	9.35	9.35	9.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	326.14	319.80	287.04	38.1	39.0	41.6	8.56	8.20	6.90
Fabricated Metal Products	391.62	396.48	406.35	42.2	44.8	45.2	9.28	8.85	8.99
Machinery, ex. Electrical	371.83	399.59	386.04	43.9	44.3	41.2	8.47	9.02	9.37
Electric & Electronic Equip.	394.07	392.75	402.26	41.7	40.2	43.3	9.45	9.77	9.29
Transportation Equipment	439.79	439.06	383.46	43.5	43.3	38.5	10.11	10.14	9.96
	457.52	452.63	367.91	42.6	42.5	37.2	10.74	10.65	9.89
Nondurable Goods									
Food & Kindred Products	444.52	446.96	422.24	41.7	41.5	40.6	10.66	10.77	10.40
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	285.11	273.74	253.82	40.1	38.5	38.4	7.11	7.11	6.61
Paper & Allied Products	178.60	176.90	175.54	36.3	36.4	41.4	4.92	4.86	4.24
Printing & Publishing	501.27	500.64	507.67	43.4	42.9	42.2	11.55	11.67	12.03
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	296.54	310.27	324.11	37.3	37.7	37.6	7.95	8.23	8.62
Petroleum & Coal Products	632.71	646.15	595.16	43.1	43.6	42.3	14.68	14.82	14.07
Petroleum Refining	638.01	666.85	624.25	45.9	46.6	45.4	13.90	14.31	13.75
	667.07	651.90	639.69	46.1	46.3	45.4	14.47	14.08	14.09
MINING									
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	560.96	543.57	513.36	48.4	46.9	46.0	11.59	11.59	11.16
BANKING	465.81	470.49	445.35	40.4	40.7	39.1	11.53	11.56	11.39
	238.89	237.89	216.13	38.1	37.7	37.2	6.27	6.31	5.81

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 125,800 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 101,800 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

PRELIMINARY JUNE 1984

REVISED MAY 1984

	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Empl.</u>	<u>Unemp.</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Empl.</u>	<u>Unemp.</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Crowley (Acadia)	24,450	21,725	2,725	11.2	24,175	21,525	2,650	11.0
Oakdale (Allen)	6,550	5,325	1,225	18.7	6,450	5,250	1,200	18.6
Napoleonville (Assumption)	10,625	9,375	1,250	11.7	10,425	9,275	1,150	11.0
DeRidder (Beauregard)	12,300	10,925	1,375	11.2	12,175	10,850	1,325	10.8
Arcadia (Rienville)	7,375	6,725	650	8.7	7,275	6,675	600	8.2
Columbia (Caldwell)	4,875	4,425	450	9.1	4,900	4,425	475	9.9
Cameron (Cameron)	4,950	4,600	350	7.1	4,875	4,525	350	7.0
Jonesville (Catahoula)	6,575	5,900	675	10.4	6,575	5,925	650	10.0
Homer (Claiborne)	7,575	6,975	600	7.8	7,525	6,950	575	7.7
Ferriday (Concordia)	9,750	8,575	1,175	12.1	9,525	8,450	1,075	11.2
Mansfield (DeSoto)	11,950	10,700	1,250	10.4	11,800	10,625	1,175	10.0
Lake Providence (E.Carroll)	5,400	4,600	800	14.8	5,100	4,350	750	14.5
Clinton (East Feliciana)	8,250	7,550	700	8.6	7,975	7,350	625	7.9
Ville Platte (Evangeline)	14,600	12,725	1,875	12.8	14,275	12,575	1,700	11.9
Winnsboro (Franklin)	8,925	7,750	1,175	13.2	8,825	7,675	1,150	13.0
New Iberia (Iberia)	36,600	32,550	4,050	11.1	36,075	32,125	3,950	10.9
Plaquemine (Iberville)	15,500	13,850	1,650	10.6	15,200	13,725	1,475	9.7
Jonesboro (Jackson)	6,425	5,950	475	7.5	6,375	5,900	475	7.4
Jennings (Jefferson Davis)	13,475	11,725	1,750	13.0	13,300	11,600	1,700	12.8
Thibodaux (Lafourche)	39,175	35,325	3,850	9.8	38,725	34,925	3,800	9.8
Jena (LaSalle)	6,200	5,700	500	8.2	6,150	5,650	500	8.3
Ruston (Lincoln)	21,400	20,500	900	4.1	22,175	21,300	875	3.9
Tallulah (Madison)	5,600	4,900	700	12.5	5,550	4,925	625	11.4
Bastrop (Morehouse)	13,000	11,600	1,400	10.8	13,300	11,875	1,425	10.6
Natchitoches (Natchitoches)	17,625	16,300	1,325	7.6	17,775	16,500	1,275	7.1
Point-a-la-Hache(Plaquem.)	14,750	13,750	1,000	6.8	14,575	13,600	975	6.8
New Roads (Pointe Coupee)	13,475	12,150	1,325	9.9	13,325	12,150	1,175	8.9
Coushatta (Red River)	4,450	4,000	450	9.8	4,300	3,975	325	7.5
Rayville (Richland)	8,425	7,475	950	11.2	8,425	7,500	925	11.0
Many (Sabine)	8,325	7,650	675	8.1	8,300	7,600	700	8.3
Norco (St. Charles)	22,600	20,275	2,325	10.3	22,350	20,200	2,150	9.6
Greensburg (St. Helena)	4,600	4,225	375	8.2	4,525	4,175	350	7.6
Lutcher (St. James)	11,775	10,300	1,475	12.5	11,375	10,075	1,300	11.3
Reserve (St. John)	18,250	16,200	2,050	11.3	18,050	16,075	1,975	10.9
Opelousas (St. Landry)	35,900	30,275	5,625	15.7	35,300	30,050	5,250	14.9
St. Martinville (St. Martin)	20,100	17,500	2,600	12.9	19,875	17,375	2,500	12.6
Morgan City (St. Mary)	33,125	29,200	3,925	11.8	32,700	28,875	3,825	11.7
Hammond (Tangipahoa)	35,600	30,600	5,000	14.0	35,175	30,525	4,650	13.3
St. Joseph (Tensas)	3,225	2,900	325	10.4	3,150	2,825	325	10.0
Houma (Terrebonne)	46,200	41,900	4,300	9.3	46,100	41,625	4,475	9.7
Farmerville (Union)	7,925	7,150	775	9.8	7,875	7,100	775	9.9
Abbeville (Vermilion)	25,900	23,225	2,675	10.3	25,650	22,950	2,700	10.5
Leesville (Vernon)	12,650	11,350	1,300	10.3	12,325	11,025	1,300	10.5
Bogalusa (Washington)	15,000	12,875	2,125	14.2	14,750	12,800	1,950	13.2
Oak Grove (West Carroll)	4,475	3,500	975	21.7	4,425	3,475	950	21.7
St. Francisville (W.Felic.)	3,925	3,700	225	5.9	3,875	3,650	225	5.8
Winnfield (Winn)	5,875	5,325	550	9.4	5,775	5,225	550	9.4

Note: Labor Market Areas are designated by name of principal Town, but include all of parish in parenthesis.

Above data rounded to nearest 25 except LMA's and Statewide which are rounded to nearest 100.

Subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Rates computed from unrounded data.

ALEXANDRIA AREA (1)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	54.1	54.2	53.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	1.9	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
NONMANUFACTURING	48.7	48.9	48.3	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Construction	3.4	3.3	3.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Trans., Comm., & Pub. Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	12.7	12.6	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	9.9	9.8	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
Other Retail Trade	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	+ 0.1
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Services & Mining	11.6	11.8	11.5	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Other Services & Mining	6.4	6.6	6.4	- 0.2	0
Government	15.6	15.8	15.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
State	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	6.9	7.2	6.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1

- (1) Geographic coverage of data now published for this area differs from the standard definition. Data also includes Avoyelles Parish.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria Labor Market Area was estimated at 54,100 during June. This employment estimate is 100 less than last month and 600 more than this month a year ago.

Total employment in manufacturing increased 100 since the previous month and 200 from this month last year. The increases were in other nondurable goods.

Total employment in nonmanufacturing industries fell by 200 since last month, but has increased by 400 since this month last year. Since last month, construction, retail trade and state government has increased by 100 each, but these gains were offset by losses in other services, and local government. These estimated losses were due primarily to educational facilities closing for the summer. Compared to this month last year each major segment has increased with the exceptions of Construction, Trans., Comm., & Utilities and Finance, Ins., & Real Estate.

During the next thirty days total employment should remain relatively constant with the unemployment rate decreasing.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	208.5	209.9	203.8	- 1.4	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	22.2	22.2	22.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	4.4	4.4	3.8	0	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.6	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	17.8	17.8	18.5	0	- 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	13.1	13.0	13.9	+ 0.1	- 0.8
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.2	1.1	- 0.1	0
NONMANUFACTURING	186.3	187.7	181.5	- 1.4	+ 4.8
Mining	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Construction	20.4	20.3	20.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation and Public Utilities	9.9	9.9	10.0	0	- 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	51.2	50.6	48.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.3	11.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	39.6	39.3	37.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Services	40.1	39.7	38.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Government	51.3	53.8	50.8	- 2.5	+ 0.5

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	\$519.10	\$513.11	\$494.49	45.1	43.3	43.3	\$11.51	\$11.85	\$11.42
Petro-Chemicals	653.14	672.95	635.36	45.2	46.7	44.4	14.45	14.41	14.31

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 11,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA at 208,500 during June, down 1,400 from May's revised estimate of 209,900 and up 4,700 over the total for last June. Manufacturing had no change and nonmanufacturing was down 1,400 during the current period.

Employment in manufacturing at 22,200 in June was unchanged from the revised May total. Durable goods and nondurable goods totals had no change; however, chemicals and petroleum products were up due to more business in industrial chemicals and in agricultural chemicals.

Estimated employment in nonmanufacturing at 186,300 during June, was down 1,400 from May's revised estimate. Mining, transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance and real estate had no change during the current period. Construction was up due to more business in highway and street construction, heavy construction, and miscellaneous special trades contractors. Wholesale and retail trades were up due to seasonal increases in most segments and the opening of a new supermarket. Services were up due to the opening of a new motel in the area and more business in job training and vocational rehabilitation services. Government employment was down due to a seasonal drop in public educational institutions.

Average weekly earnings of Baton Rouge LMA's estimated 11,900 production workers in all manufacturing industries was \$519.10 in June, up \$5.99 from May's revised average. Average weekly hours were up 1.8 hours and average hourly earnings were down \$0.34. Wage rate decreases and more overtime by lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was estimated at 248,300 during June, up 1,600 over the May revised estimate and up 11,100 over June of last year. Unemployment at 20,300 increased by 2,400 during the current period due to unemployed student workers in the labor force; however, unemployment dropped 6,000 since June of last year. June's unemployment rate at 8.2 percent is up from May's revised 7.3 percent and down from last June's 10.8 percent. The local civilian labor force totaled 248,300 during June, up 4,000 during June and up 5,100 over the total for last June.

Unemployment and unemployment rate expected to continue their seasonal increases during the coming month due to unemployed students looking for summer work.

The Baton Rouge and Gonzales Job Service Offices served 2,400 individuals with new or renewal applications, and placed 419 applicants in jobs during May.

The consumer price index for May, 1984 for all urban consumers was 309.7 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 305.4 using base period 1967=100.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	88.5	88.5	88.5	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	84.7	84.7	84.8	0	- 0.1
Mining	16.7	16.5	16.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Construction	5.0	4.9	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	6.8	6.8	6.9	0	- 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	24.0	23.8	23.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	6.6	6.5	6.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	17.4	17.3	16.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.9	2.7	2.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Food Stores	2.6	2.6	2.4	0	+ 0.2
Auto. Dtrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.5	1.5	1.6	0	- 0.1
Other Retail Trade	10.4	10.5	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Services	18.7	18.5	18.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Government	9.7	10.4	10.1	- 0.7	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Lafayette stood at 88,500. This number reflected no change from the previous month or from the same period of time a year ago.

The majority of the industries showed little or no change from the previous month.

Mining showed an increase of 200 from the previous month.

Government showed a decrease of 700 from the previous month. This decrease is due to the seasonal factor of summer break in education.

The Lafayette unemployment rate should remain stable during the summer months.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	58.7	58.5	62.2	+ 0.2	- 3.5
· MANUFACTURING	9.2	9.1	9.7	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.3	8.9	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet Products	7.6	7.5	8.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	49.5	49.4	52.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Construction	4.5	4.3	6.7	+ 0.2	- 2.2
Trans., Comm. & Pub. & Utilities	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	14.0	13.9	14.5	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.6	10.6	11.3	0	- 0.7
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	2.4	0	- 0.3
Auto Dirs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Services	10.7	10.9	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Personal Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Government	10.5	10.5	10.6	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment climbed 200 in June to the current estimate of 58,700. Manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment shared equal increases. The current estimate shows a decline of 3,500 jobs during the twelve month period beginning in June 1983. During this time manufacturing employment dropped by 500 while nonmanufacturing dropped by 3,000.

Employment in factory establishments increased 100 over the mid-May level. All of it was centered in chemical and petroleum products. Nondurable goods suffered a loss of 500 jobs during the past twelve months while durable goods remained unchanged.

Nonfactory employment inched upward 100 over last month. Small gains and losses occurred throughout the nonfactory industry spectrum during the May-June interval. When today's nonmanufacturing estimate is compared with the year ago level a decline of 3,000 jobs is evident. The largest loss occurred in construction, with related trade in second place, and services in third. The only gains occurred in transportation and public utilities, and finance, insurance, and real estate.

Unemployment, after reaching the seasonal peak in June, is expected to decline gradually as summer job seekers abandon their search for work. Employment is not expected to increase during the next 30 days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	51.4	50.3	51.7	+ 1.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.0	7.1	7.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Allied Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
NONMANUFACTURING	44.4	43.2	44.6	+ 1.2	- 0.2
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Construction	2.6	2.6	3.2	0	- 0.6
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	2.8	2.6	2.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	14.1	14.2	14.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	4.1	4.0	4.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.0	10.2	10.0	- 0.2	0
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	3.0	3.0	2.6	0	+ 0.4
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	0
Services	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Health Services	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
Government	10.1	9.0	9.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 1,100 to an estimated 51,400 during mid-June.

Manufacturing declined by 100 to an estimated 7,000. The minimal decline was in durable goods.

Nonmanufacturing gained 1,200 to an estimated 44,400 employed. The largest gain was in Government as the special programs for youth summer employment began. Transportation and public utilities gained 200 workers. The only loss was 100 in wholesale and retail trade. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment is expected to show slight gains while unemployment remains relatively high over the next 60 days.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change May 1984	From June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	511.2	511.2	505.2	0	+ 6.0
MANUFACTURING	40.0	39.5	41.0	+ 0.5	- 1.0
Durable Goods	23.4	23.0	23.9	+ 0.4	- 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.0	12.7	13.3	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Ship and Boatbuilding & Repairing	8.0	7.8	8.7	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Other Durable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.5	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	16.6	16.5	17.1	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	7.1	6.8	7.5	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.0	1.1	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	471.2	471.7	464.2	- 0.5	+ 7.0
Mining	18.4	18.5	18.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Construction	32.0	32.9	30.6	- 0.9	+ 1.4
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	46.2	46.4	47.5	- 0.2	- 1.3
Railroad Transportation	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Water Transportation	15.5	15.8	16.1	- 0.3	- 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	131.7	130.9	129.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Wholesale Trade	34.6	34.5	34.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	97.1	96.4	94.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	31.5	31.5	32.2	0	- 0.7
Services	124.3	127.4	121.6	- 3.1	+ 2.7
Government	87.1	84.1	84.5	+ 3.0	+ 2.6
Federal	14.9	14.8	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	19.8	20.0	19.9	- 0.2	- 0.1
Local	52.4	49.3	49.9	+ 3.1	+ 2.5

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
All MANUFACTURING	\$400.26	\$403.12	\$346.48	42.0	42.3	38.8	\$9.53	\$9.53	\$8.93
Durable Goods	435.87	439.46	365.16	43.5	44.3	38.6	10.02	9.92	9.46
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	409.02	446.00	422.69	43.1	46.8	44.4	9.49	9.53	9.52
Fabricated Metal Products	503.50	487.19	404.26	51.8	51.5	41.0	9.72	9.46	9.86
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	428.87	421.34	328.65	41.8	41.6	35.0	10.26	10.08	9.39
Nondurable Goods	347.77	351.05	317.85	39.7	39.4	39.0	8.76	8.91	8.15
Food & Kindred Products	286.50	286.87	286.38	39.3	38.3	43.0	7.29	7.49	6.66
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	171.07	175.45	117.00	32.4	34.2	27.4	5.28	5.13	4.27
Paper & Allied Products	389.78	397.72	332.10	48.3	46.3	40.5	8.07	8.59	8.20
Printing & Publishing	341.38	365.92	299.92	40.4	41.3	38.9	8.45	8.86	7.71
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	580.25	579.07	531.85	40.1	39.5	37.8	14.47	14.66	14.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 26,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the New Orleans Labor Market Area in June remained at 511,200, the same total level shown in May. Nevertheless, changes were numerous and varied. Increases in many industries and decreases in others offset each other. Manufacturing exhibited a minor overall upturn while nonmanufacturing displayed a small total downturn.

Manufacturing employment reached 40,000 in June, the highest level so far this year. The increase of 500 workers over last month's total was due to seasonal increases in seafood processing and hiring at area shipyards. Compared to one year ago, manufacturing employment is down 1,000.

Nonmanufacturing exhibited a great variety of changes - both seasonal and nonseasonal in nature - which resulted in a minor overall decrease. Services were lowered by normal early summer layoffs by private educational services and adjustments at the World's Fair following the opening weeks. Construction reflected the completion of work on the fair site. Water transportation tapered off from an already reduced level. Mining eased down. More favorably, local government pushed up strongly as city and parish administrative services added summer workers. State government showed a small decrease. Retail trade increased, largely in eating and drinking places, general merchandise stores and automotive dealers and service stations. Wholesale trade edged up in durable goods. Finance registered a small gain in banking as well as in other credit agencies.

Average weekly earnings totaled \$400.26 in June for area production workers, down \$2.86 from last month. The decrease was due to a drop of 18 minutes in average weekly hours; average hourly earnings did not change. Average weekly earnings are up \$53.78 from this same time last year.

Estimated unemployment in June increased to 46,400, up 3,000 from May. The early summer increase in the number of entrants and reentrants into the labor force accounted for most of the change. The lack of an overall gain in nonagricultural wage and salary employment prevented more of the jobless from finding work. Current joblessness comprises 8.5 percent of the labor force compared to 8.1 percent in May and 10.9 percent in June of last year. The unemployment rate in June was lower than the state rate of 9.4 percent, but higher than the comparable national rate of 7.4 percent. Beneficiaries of regular unemployment insurance totaled 12,400. About 44.0 percent of the claimants were nonwhite; approximately 33.0 percent were female.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the coming months will probably show an overall seasonal downturn. Both private and public educational services are expected to make further summer adjustments. Developments in water transportation will be dependent on changes in the national and world economics. The long range problems of construction and mining may prevent a seasonal upturn in each. Unemployment will likely decrease as the number of entrants and reentrants into the labor force diminishes as the summer moves further along.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1984*	May 1984**	June 1983**	Net Change From	
				May 1984	June 1983
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARIED WORKERS	152.4	152.1	148.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
MANUFACTURING	25.9	25.6	22.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.3
Durable Goods	20.1	19.7	16.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Lumber and Wood Products	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Metals and Machinery	12.6	12.1	10.9	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.9	3.5	0	+ 0.4
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	8.7	8.2	7.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
Other Durable Goods	6.0	6.1	4.5	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Nondurable Good	5.8	5.9	5.8	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
NONMANUFACTURING	126.5	126.5	125.9	0	+ 0.6
Mining	6.7	6.6	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Construction	9.8	9.9	9.2	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Utilities	9.1	9.2	9.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	34.3	34.2	34.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	9.3	9.2	9.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	25.0	25.0	25.3	0	- 0.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	8.2	8.1	8.2	+ 0.1	0
Services	32.4	32.3	31.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Government	26.0	26.2	27.0	- 0.2	- 1.0

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**	June '84*	May '84**	June '83**
All MANUFACTURING	\$400.06	\$402.41	\$377.48	41.5	41.4	40.2	\$9.64	\$9.72	\$9.37
Lumber and Wood Products	226.98	251.52	238.60	38.8	41.3	43.7	5.85	6.09	5.46
Metals and Machinery	409.19	415.68	378.95	43.3	43.3	40.4	9.45	9.60	9.38
Food and Kindred Products	227.43	197.80	202.80	36.1	31.8	33.8	6.30	6.22	6.00
Printing and Publishing	274.89	277.49	233.74	33.0	32.8	29.0	8.33	8.46	8.06
Petroleum and Coal Products	508.03	572.69	525.56	43.2	49.2	45.9	11.76	11.64	11.45

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 19,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Shreveport area has an estimated nonagricultural wage and salary employment total of 152,400, up from 152,100 last month and 148,500 for June, 1983. The employment increase from last month occurred in durable goods manufacturing. Total nonmanufacturing employment remains unchanged from last month, but shows an increase of 600 over the June, 1983 estimate.

The total manufacturing employment for this area is 25,900, an increase of 300 from last month and 3,300 more than the year ago estimate. The employment growth during the past month resulted from additional demands for communication equipment.

The nonmanufacturing employment total is estimated at 126,500, unchanged since last month, and up from 125,900 one year ago. During the past month, the small employment gains in mining, trade, finance, insurance and real estate, and services were off-set with equal losses in construction, transportation and public utilities and government.

This area has 19,700 production workers in manufacturing. These production workers had average weekly earnings of \$400.06, down slightly from the revised earnings of \$402.41 for last month. The average weekly earnings for June, 1983 were \$377.48. The average weekly hours are nearly unchanged since last month. They are 41.5 for the current month, compared with 41.4 last month and 40.2 one year ago. Average hourly earnings dropped from \$9.72 last month to \$9.64, and are above the \$9.37 average of June, 1983.

The civilian labor force for the Shreveport area is 175,300, including 162,000 employed and 13,300 unemployed. The unemployment rate is 7.6 percent, compared to 9.4 percent for the state, and 7.1 percent for the nation.

The present outlook for this area is for little change during the summer months. The unemployment total is expected to show a small reduction from the June total, while total employment will reflect the usual seasonal decline for July and August.